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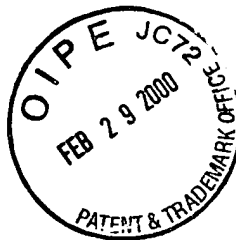
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For : CERAMIC COMPOSITE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the following information, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification:

U.S. Patent No. 4,969,913

Japanese Patent Publication No. 3-41176, which is a family member of Japanese Patent No. 1677470, which is cited and discussed in the specification beginning at page 2, line 9.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent No. 59-18176 accompanied by an English translation thereof.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent No. 64-37475 accompanied by an English translation thereof.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent No. 2-225382 and its family member U.S. Patent Application No. 07/441,482.

Copies of the above-noted documents, except the U.S. application, are enclosed accompanied by a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of the documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate space

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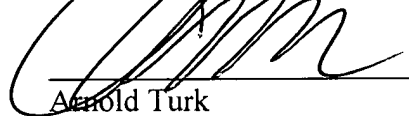
on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned U.S. application is not attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application, including the specification, claims and documents cited therein, at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Of course, if for any reason the Examiner cannot locate the application or the application is not available, Applicants will provide any requested materials, if possible.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this matter, the undersigned may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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